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FOIPA NOTES SUMMARY INFORMATION SHEET  
Case: 1321601-000

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Subject: CLOSED  
Text: Case closed and QA entered on 4/15/2015.

Evaluation sheet provided to SGIS   
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Subject: SGIS  REVIEWED AND APPROVED NR GLOMAR  
Text: 4/14/2015

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Subject: status request from requester via PIO  
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Subject: [REDACTED]

Text: edited subject line of the letter: added "(EMAILS BETWEEN FBI AND BOSTON PD AND MASSACHUSETTS STATE

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SENT today 4/15/15

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Subject: [REDACTED]

Text: [REDACTED]

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-Changed date of letter.

-Updated fee waiver tab and added fee waiver language.

Reassigned to SGIS [REDACTED] for final review.

WI reassigned.

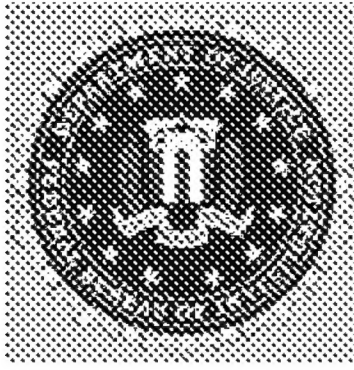
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Subject: [REDACTED]

Text: [REDACTED]

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

April 13, 2015

MR. EVAN ANDERSON  
MUCKROCK NEWS  
DEPT MR 15983  
POST OFFICE BOX 55819  
BOSTON, MA 02205-5819

FOIPA Request No.: 1321601-000  
Subject: STINGRAY, DIRTBOX, IMSI  
CATCHER, CELL SITE SIMULATOR

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

Please be advised that it is the FBI's policy to neither confirm nor deny the existence of any records which would tend to indicate or reveal locales in which a law enforcement technique may be utilized or would disclose field office capabilities. Acknowledging locale or field office information about enforcement techniques or capabilities invites the risk of circumvention or otherwise disclosure of federal law enforcement efforts. Thus, pursuant to FOIA exemption (b) (7) (E) [5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(E)], the FBI neither confirms nor denies the existence of records responsive to your request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

It is unnecessary to adjudicate your fee waiver as no fees are being assessed.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-000, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in any correspondence to us for proper identification of your request.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the FBI Fact Sheet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", is written over a horizontal line.

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief,  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)





# FBI FACT SHEET

- **The primary functions of the FBI are national security and law enforcement.**
- **The FBI does not keep a file on every citizen of the United States.**
- **The FBI was not established until 1908 and we have very few records prior to the 1920s.**
- **FBI files generally contain reports** of FBI investigations of a wide range of matters, including counterterrorism, counter-intelligence, cyber crime, public corruption, civil rights, organized crime, white collar crime, major thefts, violent crime, and applicants.
- **The FBI does not issue clearances or non-clearances for anyone other than its own personnel or persons having access to FBI facilities.** Background investigations for security clearances are conducted by many different Government agencies. Persons who received a clearance while in the military or employed with some other government agency should contact that entity. Most government agencies have websites which are accessible on the internet which have their contact information.
- **A criminal history summary check or “rap sheet” is NOT the same as an “FBI file.”** It is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and related documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization or military service. The subject of a “rap sheet” may obtain a copy by submitting a written request to FBI, Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, Record Request, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306. Along with a specific written request, the individual must submit a new full set of his/her fingerprints in order to locate the record, establish positive identification, and ensure that an individual’s records are not disseminated to an unauthorized person. The fingerprint submission must include the subject’s name, date and place of birth. There is a required fee of \$18 for this service, which must be submitted by money order or certified check made payable to the Treasury of the United States. A credit card payment option is also available. Forms for this option and additional directions may be obtained by accessing the FBI Web site at [www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks/background\\_checks](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks/background_checks).
- **The National Name Check Program (NNCP)** conducts a search of the FBI’s Universal Index (UNI) to identify any information contained in FBI records that may be associated with an individual and provides the results of that search to a requesting federal, state or local agency. Names are searched in a multitude of combinations and phonetic spellings to ensure all records are located. The NNCP also searches for both “main” and “cross reference” files. A main file is an entry that carries the name corresponding to the subject of a file, while a cross reference is merely a mention of an individual contained in a file. The results from a search of this magnitude can result in several “hits” and “idents” on an individual. In each instance where UNI has identified a name variation or reference, information must be reviewed to determine if it is applicable to the individual in question.
- **The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)** searches for records and provides copies of FBI files responsive to Freedom of Information or Privacy Act (FOIPA) requests for information. RIDS provides responsive documents to requesters seeking “reasonably described information.” For a FOIPA search, the subject’s name, event, activity, or business is searched to determine whether there is an associated investigative file. This is called a “main file search” and differs from the **NNCP** search.

**FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FBI, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT**  
**[www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)**



## **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

**Sobonya, David P. (RMD) (FBI)**

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**From:** 15983-41419271@requests.muckrock.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 04, 2015 3:36 PM  
**To:** FOIPARquest  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Request: Emails between FBI and Boston/MA State police re: Stingrays

February 4, 2015  
Federal Bureau of Investigation - FBI  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attn: FOI/PA Request  
Record/Information Dissemination Section  
170 Marcel Drive  
Winchester, VA 22602-4843

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This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

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A copy of all emails between the FBI and the Massachusetts State Police, sent between March 1, 2014, and November 15, 2014, containing any of the following words: "Stingray", "dirtbox", "IMSI catcher" or "cell site simulator".

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Evan Anderson

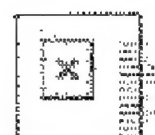
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Case #	1321601-0
Originated Office(s)	HQ
Case Owner	
Subject Description	Stingray, Dirtbox, IMSI Catcher, Cell Site Simulator
Subject Sub-Description	Correspondence Between FBI and Boston Police Department and/or Massachusetts State Police (March 1, 2014 - November 15, 2014)
Subject Type	Other
Date(s) of Birth	
SSN(s)	
FBI Number(s)	
Date of Death	
Place of Birth	
Event Date	
Ident FO(s)	

Initial Search Requirements	
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**Sobonya, David P. (RMD) (FBI)**

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**From:** 15983-41419271@requests.muckrock.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 08, 2015 5:00 AM  
**To:** Sobonya, David P. (RMD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Freedom of Information Request: Emails between FBI and Boston/MA State police re: Stingrays

April 8, 2015  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attn: FOI/PA Request  
Record/Information Dissemination Section  
170 Marcel Drive  
Winchester, VA 22602-4843

This is a follow up to a previous request:

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I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Feb. 4, 2015. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed.

Thank you for your help.

On March 9, 2015:

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I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Feb. 4, 2015. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed.

Thank you for your help.

On Feb. 5, 2015:

Dear Mr. Anderson,

The FBI has received your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy (FOIPA) request and it will be forwarded to Initial Processing for review. Your request will be processed under the provisions of FOIPA and a response will be mailed to you at a later date.

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~~10 APR 2015~~ AL

cc. 4/14/15 VLB

Requests for fee waivers and expedited processing will be addressed once your request has been assigned an FOIPA request number. You will receive written notification of the FBI's decision.

Information regarding the Freedom of Information Act/Privacy is available at <http://www.fbi.gov> <<http://www.fbi.gov>> or <http://www.fbi.gov/foia/>. If you require additional assistance please contact the Public Information Officer.

Thank you,

David P. Sobonya  
Public Information Officer/GIS  
Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)  
FBI-Records Management Division  
170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602-4843  
PIO: (540) 868-4593  
Direct: [REDACTED]  
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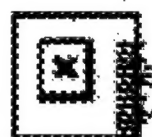
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Date

4/8/15

☒ Requester is following up on initial request.  
No request has been opened in FDPS.

☐ Requester is providing additional correspondence;  
No request has been opened in FDPS.

☒ Notify PIO of FOIPA Number so requester can be  
provided a status update